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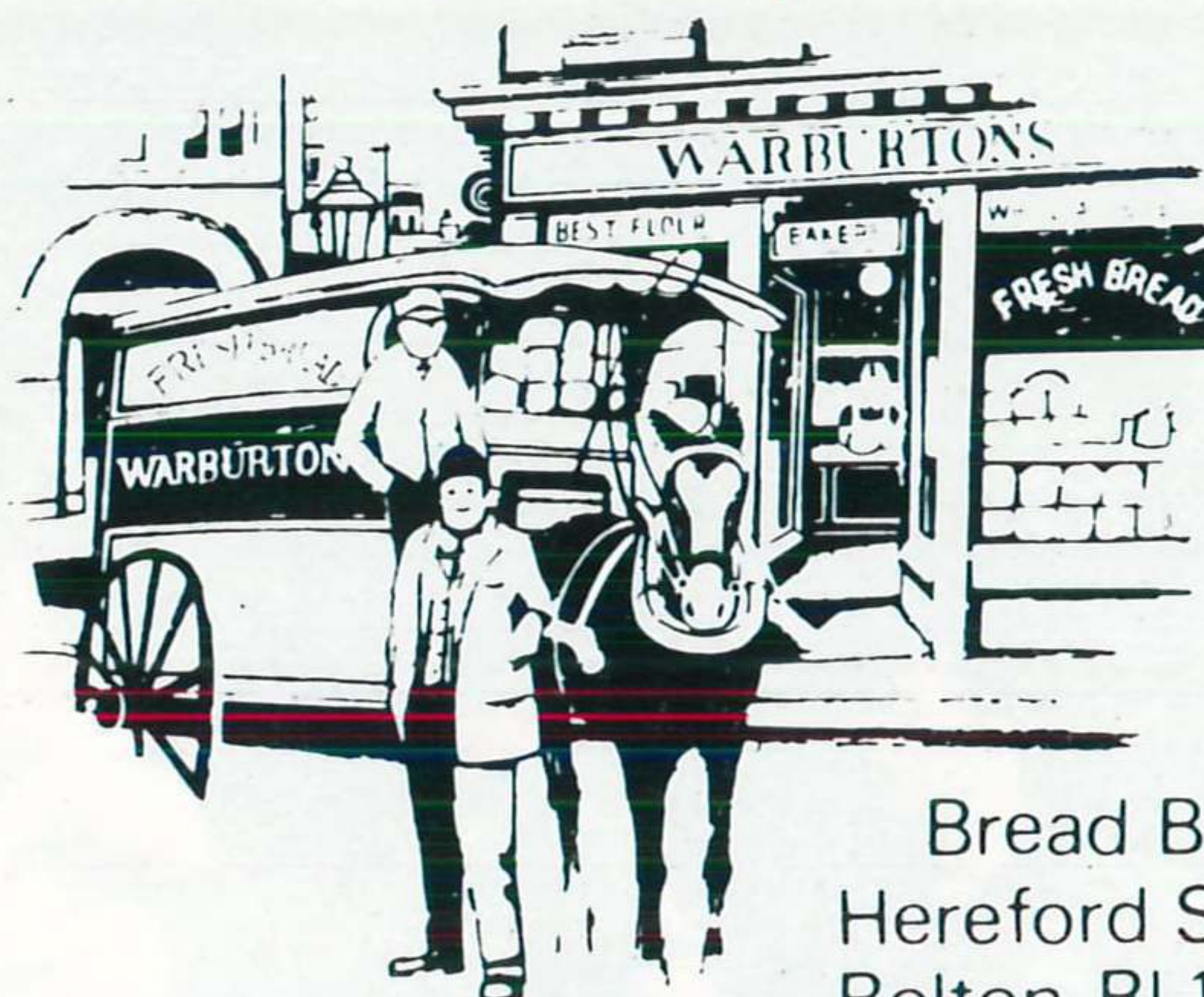
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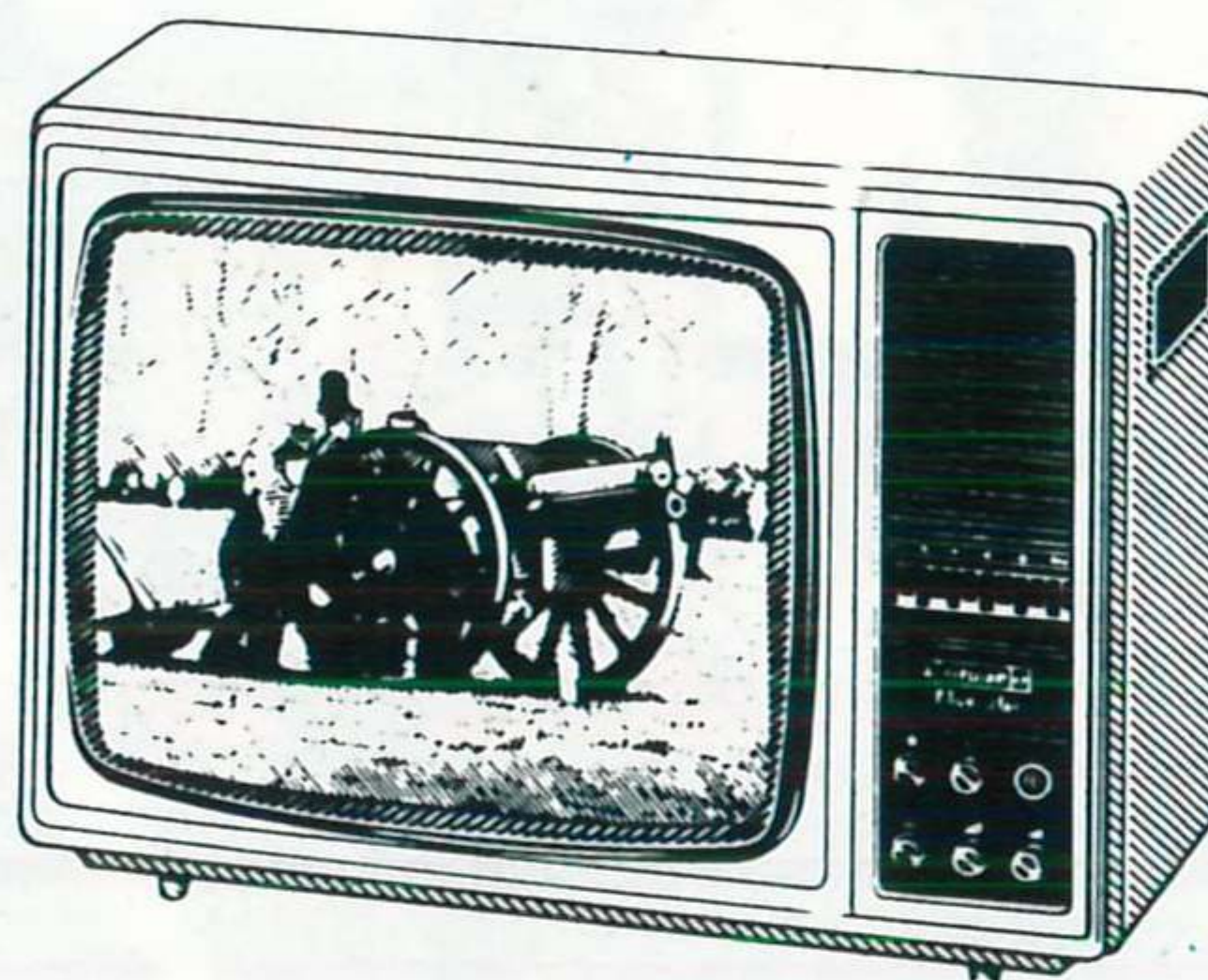
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Stan Anderson writes

Five points out of a possible six has gone a long way to easing the pressure on us in the last couple of weeks and we can take heart that we are in a much safer position now that we were a short time ago.

Obviously the players who were struggling a few weeks ago have won a lot of their confidence back and it's beginning to show on the field.

What has been evident is that we have started scoring goals again and that is so vitally important. It's amazing what happens when a team, like we did, goes through a spell without scoring and then suddenly hits form again.

We went three games without a goal and never really looked like scoring. Then we got two at Preston, one against West Ham and three more at Cambridge last week.

The three against Cambridge were particularly welcome because John Docherty's side has a reputation for being difficult to score against. He was saying after the game, though, that despite their reputation they had conceded six goals in three home games — so it just shows how fortunes can change.

The big difference in our game is that with that extra bit of confidence, we have been willing to go out and attack teams and that has paid dividends.

One team which has experienced a change in fortunes is Watford our visitors today, who had tremendous success in the lower divisions under manager Graham Taylor. But they have found life a lot more difficult in Division Two, which I would regard as the most difficult of divisions to play in.

This season especially, teams have either been pushing for promotion or struggling to avoid relegation and it's amazing to think that teams with only five more points than ourselves are on the fringe of the promotion race.

If Cambridge had beaten us last week they would have been just one point away from the third promotion spot.

That just shows how important the game was — for both teams.

Our Visits



Back Row, left to right: Martin Patching, Malcolm Poskett, Steve Sims, Steve Sherwood, Ian Bolton, Ross Jenkins, Gerry Armstrong.

Middle Row, left to right: Trevor How, Kenny Jackett, Mick Henderson, Luther Blissett, Eric Steele, Keith Pritchett, Steve Harrison, John Ward, Steve Terry.

Front Row, left to right: Ray Train, Nigel Callaghan, Pat Rice (Captain), Graham Taylor (General Manager), Les Taylor, Wilf Rostron, Gary Donnellan.

WATFORD LOOK SAFE NOW

by Tony Pullein

Watford now seem to have done enough to ensure themselves of Second Division Football for next season. After the remarkable progress made by the club over the two previous seasons, it was only to be expected that they needed more time to establish themselves as a Second Division side.

The Vicarage Road club won the Fourth Division championship in 1978 and then gained further promotion a year later as runners-up in Division Three. Last season they finished 18th in Division Two and they are going to settle for something similar this year.

Manager Graham Taylor has made numerous changes and today only three members of the team that completed their Fourth Division championship campaign of 1977/78 hold a regular place — defenders Ian Bolton and Keith Pritchett plus forward Luther Blissett.

Another — forward Ross Jenkins — is still in the squad but lost his place a few weeks ago. Goalkeeper Steve Sherwood was also with the club in their Fourth Division days but he was not in the first-team when they went up.

Mr Taylor has always played the transfer market shrewdly and, earlier this season when he felt his team needed an injection of new blood, he pulled off two outstanding signings.

Pat Rice had lost his place in Arsenal's senior side after a ten-year run and the Gunners gave their 49-cap N. Ireland international his release at a nominal fee in recognition of his splendid service to the club.

Current N. Ireland international striker Gerry Armstrong had been eased out of Spurs' team by their new signings and, for a club record fee of £250,000, Watford acquired a player of both skill and experience.

Armstrong has been playing in attack with John Ward and Malcolm Poskett with Ross Jenkins recently losing his place.

Luther Blissett, who hit the headlines as a fabulous goalscorer two season ago, appears to be playing in a deeper role these days and that probably accounts for the reduction in his scoring rate.

Newcomer Les Taylor, a recent £100,000 signing from Oxford, and Ken Jackett usually fill the other midfield positions. Former Bolton player Ray Train has not been in the side for a few weeks and Wilf Rostron and Nigel Callaghan have also taken a back seat.

With Keith Pritchett regaining the left-back spot, the back four has had a settled look of Pat Rice, Ian Bolton, Steve Sims and Pritchett. Steve Sherwood has re-established himself in goal.

HORNETS



Watford created a unique record this season in the second round of the League Cup against Southampton when they became the only club in English football history to recover from a four-goal first-leg deficit to win the tie.

After losing 0-4 at The Dell, Watford's hopes of survival were virtually nil. But they hit back astonishingly to win the return 7-1 after extra-time!

The irony of that result was that, prior to the game, manager Graham Taylor had complained: "Two-legged ties weigh the odds heavily against the smaller club. I would far rather have taken our chance against Southampton on the one game."

Watford, who had beaten Millwall 4-1 on aggregate in the first round, survived to the fifth round beating Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 away, then — with their finest performances of the season — they outplayed Nottingham Forest to the tune of 4-1 at Vicarage Road.

They were finally beaten 0-5 at Coventry, after drawing 2-2 at Vicarage Road.

Watford's only away victory in the League this season was at Chelsea (1-0) in February. They drew at Grimsby (1-1), Derby (1-1), Orient (1-1), Blackburn (0-0) and Bristol City (0-0).

The Hornets were beaten at Luton (0-1), Cambridge (1-3), Shrewsbury (1-2), West Ham (2-3), Cardiff (0-1), Newcastle (1-2), Bristol Rovers (1-3), Sheffield Wednesday (0-1), Swansea (0-1), Preston (1-2), and Oldham (1-2).

In the F.A. Cup they knocked out Colchester (1-0 away) but then fell to Wolves 1-2 at Molineux in a fourth round replay after drawing 1-1 at Vicarage Road.

STEVE SHERWOOD (Goalkeeper). Steve began his career with Chelsea but, though he made only 16 League appearances for them, he was loaned out to Millwall, Brighton and Brentford. Watford signed him in 1977 and he regained his first-team place earlier this year.

ERIC STEELE (Goalkeeper). Eric didn't get into Newcastle's senior side and he made his League bow after signing for Peterborough in 1973. Brighton signed him for £20,000 in 1977 and he moved on to Watford for £100,000 last season.

PAT RICE (Defender). Pat, who joined Watford from Arsenal this season, is one of the most experienced defenders in the game. Capped 49 times by N. Ireland, he completed 397 First Division appearances for the Gunners. He was a member of their League-Cup double winning team of 1970/71 and also gained numerous other honours at Highbury.

IAN BOLTON (Defender). Ian made 70 League appearances for Notts County and spent a short while on loan to Lincoln during the 1976/77 season. At the end of that campaign he was transferred to Watford.

STEVE SIMS (Defender). Steve won 10 England under-21 caps in his Leicester days and Watford paid a then club record fee of £200,000 to sign him two seasons ago.

KEITH PRITCHETT (Defender). Keith, a reserve player with Wolves, entered League soccer in 1973/74 after moving to Doncaster. He was transferred to Q.P.R. at the end of that season then, after a short spell with Brentford in 1976, he signed for Watford.

STEVE HARRISON (Defender). Steve developed with Blackpool, making his League bow during 1971/72. He went on to complete more than 150 first-team games for the

Tangerines before signing for Vancouver Whitecaps in the summer of 1978. He joined Watford at the end of the 1978 summer season.

MIKE HENDERSON (Defender). Mike played his first League soccer for Sunderland in 1975/76 and he went on to make more than 100 senior appearances for the Roker club before moving to Watford for £150,000 last season.

LES TAYLOR (Midfield). Les was valued at £100,000 when Watford signed him from Oxford in a cash-plus-player deal in November. At Oxford he gained a reputation for versatility, playing at both full-back and in midfield.

KEN JACKETT (Midfield). Ken served his apprenticeship at Vicarage Road and made a couple of League appearances last season. This term he has won a regular place and, after opening the season at left-back, he switched to midfield.

WILF ROSTRON (Midfield). Wilf joined Watford from Sunderland for £150,000 last season. A one-time England schoolboy international, Wilf began his professional career with Arsenal and made just over a dozen appearances in their First Division side. Sunderland paid £40,000 for his transfer in 1977.

RAY TRAIN (Midfield). Ray's busy midfield displays first won acclaim with Walsall in the late 'sixties and he moved on to Carlisle in 1971. Sunderland signed him for £90,000 in 1976 and he played in the First Division with them. Another transfer took him to Bolton for £30,000 in 1977 and Watford invested £50,000 — a club record at the time — when they secured his signature in 1978.

NIGEL CALLAGHAN (Midfield). Nigel is a former Watford apprentice who was given one brief taste of League soccer last season. This season he has been a fairly consistent member of their midfield.

GERRY ARMSTRONG (Forward). Gerry, who joined Watford from Tottenham for £250,000 earlier this season, is a fixture in the N. Ireland team, picking up his 29th cap against Scotland at Hampden Park last month. Spurs signed him from Bangor for £25,000 in 1975.

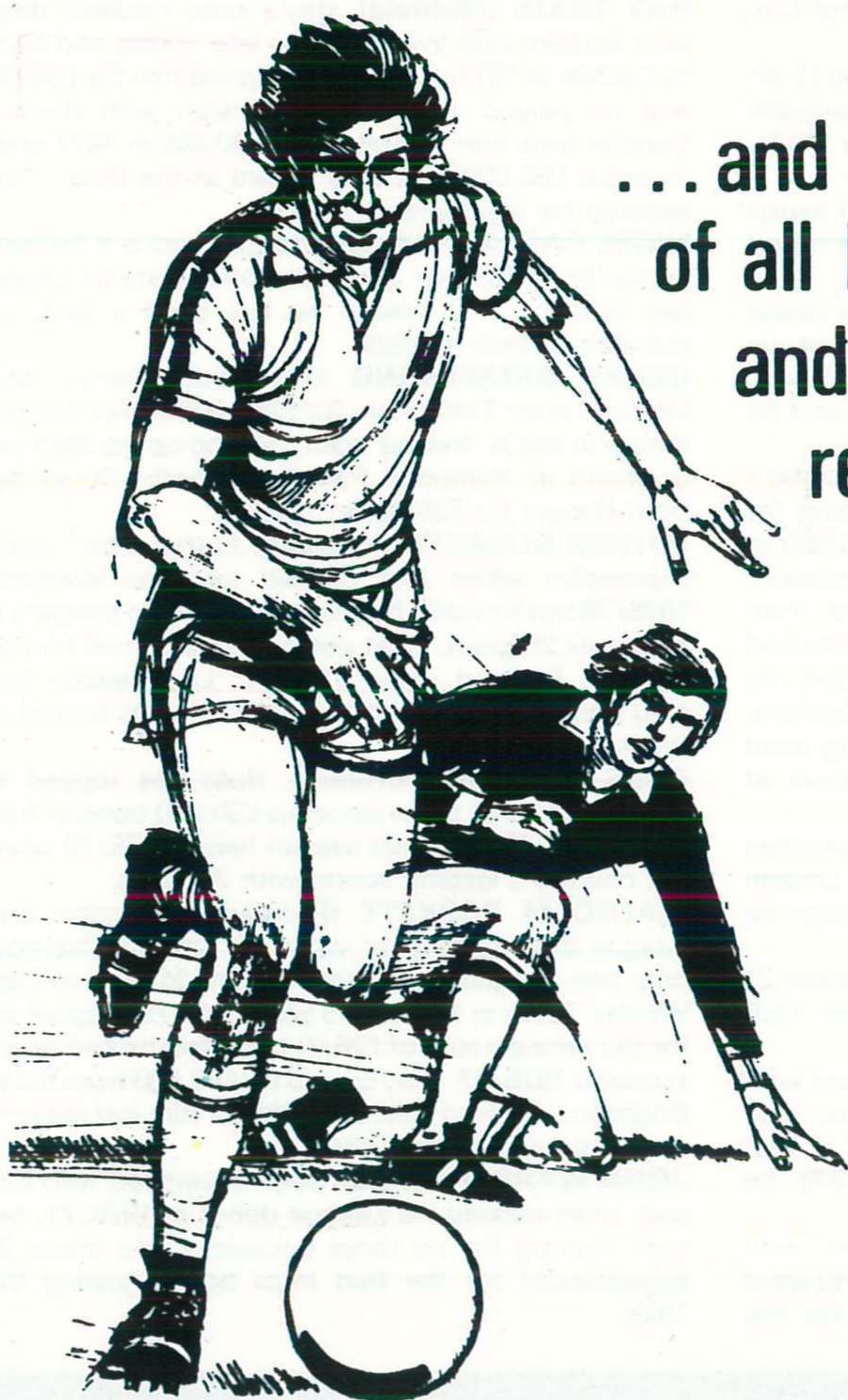
LUTHER BLISSETT (Forward). Luther didn't make a great impression when first drafted into the Watford side in 1975/76 but he really hit the headlines two seasons ago when he struck 28 goals. That performance earned him the first of his four England under-21 caps. Last season he was the club's leading scorer with 11 goals. He has scored nine times this season.

ROSS JENKINS (Forward). Ross has topped Watford's scoring list three times since his £30,000 transfer from Crystal Palace in 1972, his best season being 1978/79 when he was the country's leading scorer with 37 goals.

MALCOLM POSKETT (Forward). Malcolm thought his League days were over when he left Middlesbrough, with only one League game behind him, to go non-League with Whitby Town in 1974. Two years later Hartlepool signed him for the princely sum of £25 (!) but, after he had been their top scorer in 1976/77, they picked up £60,000 from his transfer to Brighton. Watford paid £120,000 for him last season when he scored seven goals for them.

JOHN WARD (Forward). John developed with Lincoln City and, after making his League debut in 1970/71, he later led their scoring list on three occasions. He made 250 senior appearances for the Red Imps before joining Watford in 1979.

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Club Scene

BIG CASH SAVINGS

Don't forget, you can still buy season tickets for next season at big discount prices.

Season tickets purchased up to and including April 30 still offer massive savings on normal prices. For example: a season ticket for the Manchester Road or Burnden Stand will cost £49 if bought this month — compared with £55 in May and £59 after May 31.

A season ticket for the Embankment will cost £20 this month; £22 in May and £24 from June onwards.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Wanderers' commercial agents, who do a great job raising vital amounts of cash from the club's lottery and bingo sales, will be voting once again for their "Player of the Year".

The award will be made at a special "Agents Players of the Year" night at Blighty's Club, Farnworth on Tuesday, May 5.

Wanderers' agents have an impeccable record in lottery sales, but there are still vacancies on the team. Anyone interested in helping the club in this way should contact the Promotions Office where every assistance will be given.

And, of course, anyone joining the team of agents will qualify to attend the "Player of the Year" awards night.

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

Today we extend a warm welcome to a group of youngsters from America who are here in Bolton on an exchange visit.

The boys who are here with coaches Walt Morton and Bill de Vecie are from Cinaminson, New Jersey and are on a 10 day visit playing four games against local school sides.

They are making a return visit following the successful American trip which the Bolton Boys Under 15s side made in 1978.

TON-UP NEIL

Neil Whatmore scored his 100th League goal for Wanderers last week when he hit the winner in the 3-2 victory at Cambridge.

It was a fitting way to reach a well-earned landmark — Neil's goal coming five minutes from time with the best goal of the game.

Neil's remarkable scoring record began on April 4, 1973 at Swansea when, on his debut as a raw 17 year old, he scored twice as Wanderers won, coincidentally, 3-2.

Last week's goal put Neil level with Brian Kidd as the club's leading scorer this season. Both now have 13 to their credit.

FANS' NIGHT OUT

The weekly get-togethers being organised by the Horwich Branch of the Wanderers Supporters Club got off to a flying start and promise to be successful events for the future.

The group plans to meet weekly in the Executive Club with activities including darts, dominoes, cards and table tennis, plus the opportunity to meet some of the Wanderers' players.

Members are reminded, though, that this week's meeting has been brought forward to Tuesday night instead of Wednesday. But the meetings will revert to the usual Wednesday date from the following week onwards.

TRAVEL

We were sorry to hear about the number of fans who were directed to the wrong ground at Cambridge last week.

Apparently a number of our supporters went to Non-League Cambridge City's ground instead of United's Abbey Stadium. The confusion arose because the RAC route to the ground, printed in the programme for our game against West Ham the previous week, directed fans to the Cambridge City ground.

The RAC have been in touch with us and have accepted full responsibility for the mistake and have asked us to apologise to the fans involved for any inconvenience they were caused.

"JUNIOR WHITES" NEWS

Next Monday the 13th April at 6.30 p.m., sees another of our meetings in the Executive Club. There will be programmes shown from famous games around the world plus tips on programme collecting. Nat Lofthouse will be bringing some of his famous mementoes, and 3 or 4 of the players will be in attendance.

We shall also be giving the name of our "Junior Whites"/Cambrian Player of the Year.

We are trying to arrange a football match with Blackburn Rovers Junior set-up in May and also hope to be competing in a penalty prize session before next Saturday's match at Ewood Park, so if you are going to Blackburn give the lads a cheer.

A big welcome to today's mascot, Stephen Hennessey, whose father Ron is a big supporter of our "Junior Whites" set-up.

The winner of our "Burnden Bulletin" Quiz in March was Miss Susan Whitworth, who will be meeting the player of her choice on Monday night.

Enjoy your football.

Roy Cavanagh

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TIME OUT?



The idea of extending the half-time break from ten to fifteen minutes is nothing new. In fact this very suggestion was muted by Everton and Peterborough United at a meeting of Football League clubs at Lytham St. Annes in the early 70s.

Then as now it was suggested if you increase the interval by fifty per cent then you should consequently increase your turnover from the sale of refreshments and other sundries, because over a season you are in fact providing another two hours or so selling time.

Well the proposition then fell on stony ground and remained dormant until its resurrection by the Football League Secretaries' Managers' and Coaches' Association study group, looking into the format of match presentation.

Their conclusion was that the interests both of spectators and commercial income would be better served by extending the half-time break to 15 minutes, and with the current mood for change in the air it seemed a likely innovation when the League kicks off next season. But once more the idea floundered when it was put to the vote.

The scheme was not accepted with open arms by all factions of the game and one manager in particular, John Docherty of Cambridge United, voiced strong opposition.

"I definitely don't like the suggestion one little bit," he says bluntly. "A longer interval will give managers additional problems."

Docherty explains why: when he continues: "Sometimes I think from a playing point of view we

would be better off not having an interval. So many times I have seen games where the first 45 minutes have produced tremendous football, titanic struggles between two well matched sides. Then after the ten minutes break nothing. The interval has killed the game.

"I often think it would be nice if we could do what they do on a park pitch and turn straight round and let them get at each other again.

"Ten minutes can be an eternity in the dressing room. A player comes in from the field with his adrenalin going after being really wrapped up in the game. His body and muscles are warm his concentration good, then it is all broken by an interval. I tell you what, if the break is ever stretched to 15 minutes then we will have to start warming-up exercises before we go back out.

"There are exceptions, like Wembley, where a longer interval is justified, but to be honest for ordinary games I think ten minutes is ample. You know I can talk a lot, but trying to keep players concentrations going for 15 minutes is a lot to ask.

"Now the reason behind it all was to give sponsors more opportunity to promote their products. We have got to be careful we don't hand the game over lock stock and barrel to the commercial entrepreneurs. Has the game really got to that state? I believe television has harmed the sport because of its commercial interests and I don't want to see it happening any further.

"And laugh you may, but I can visualise the day when people will be sitting in cinema's watching the

game on big screens while the players perform in empty stadiums.

"If you start mucking around with the interval, why not make it 30 minutes and have another activity on the field in that period. You can carry on like that until you get to the situation where the game runs for half-an-hour and the sponsorship for 90 minutes. As I say you have to be careful. Who are we running football for? Sponsors or the public."

Docherty's views are not shared by all, and in fact the majority of team bosses don't seem too concerned. Sheffield United's new manager Martin Peters spelled it out this way:

"It depends on the state of the game," he says. "If things have not gone too well in the first half then there is plenty to talk about at the break. If we have performed well then it is simply a question of trying to keep the players on the boil.

"I think we could cope with an extended interval, I can't envisage any difficulty. To be honest 15 minutes would not bother me. In fact sometimes ten minutes goes like a flash and you don't get everything said that you wanted to. So obviously sometimes 15 minutes would be beneficial and at other times not."

So opinion is divided. From the spectators point of view a longer interval could be a benefit, enabling those who want to purchase light refreshments, to do so in greater comfort and without missing the final minutes of the first period or the opening of the second half. No doubt the suggestion will be raised again.

Bob Mitchell



Has come a long way

GRIMSBY TOWN'S return to the Second Division after 16 years in the wilderness of the Third and Fourth divisions, was to say the least a harrowing experience. After 18 League games the Mariners found themselves rooted in the relegation zone with just 15 points and only nine goals to their name.

It seemed a clear case of the Mariners stepping out of their depth, although manager George Kerr refused to accept this, maintaining his faith in the side that had risen meteorically in two seasons.

Within ten games he was proven right, as Grimsby Town moved up to seventh place, having increased their points to 31 and their goal tally to 30, but perhaps even more significant was the fact that they had achieved this without detracting at all from their already impressive defensive record.

Bob Mitchell, the regular inside left and an ever present last season, epitomises the honest hard working attitude that prevails at Blundell Park and is responsible for this magnificent achievement.

Says Mitchell: "A club like Grimsby Town just can't go out and buy creative top class players, because they haven't got the money and in any case there is no guarantee that such players would do the job anyway. So they go for lads who are going to work hard and try to get forward to create goals as well as get back to stop them."

Bob who was sacked by Sunderland after only one first team outing and then failed to settle down at Blackburn Rovers, joined Grimsby three seasons ago, and has played a

very prominent part in the clubs success story.

"It has been tough this season," he exclaims, "although things began to go better as the season progressed. All the lads have worked very hard and I suppose we knew it would not quite work out as well as it did last season, but we never anticipated the poor start we made.

"We were creating chances but lacked the confidence to finish. Of course the sides in the Second Division are far better organised than the teams we were used to playing. Also I think because we had come up from the Fourth Division to the Second in consecutive seasons that our opponents treated us with more respect and tended to play it very tight against us.

"I must admit that I was surprised by the Second Division, it was a lot different to what I expected. Visiting teams to Blundell Park seem to sit back a lot more and rely on breaks whereas I thought they would be more adventurous.

"To tell the truth, although there is more room to play outside the area, I don't see much difference really between the Second and Fourth divisions, when it comes to trying to score goals.

"The accent on football today is so much geared to success that the main emphasis is placed on not giving anything away and so they are all very defensive."

Bob at 25 is justly proud of Grimsby's record and points out; "We have young lads in the side who have never played outside the lower divisions before so it was obviously going to take them sometime to settle down to the higher grade and

earn the confidence to believe in themselves.

"I mean you compare our side with that of West Ham United or Derby County and the odds have got to be stacked firmly against us. Yet we have proved we can compete with them and that if everybody in the team has the same determined attitude to go out and have a go then it is possible to make things happen. We always go out to win no matter who we are up against."

It is a long way from the comparative squalor of some Fourth Division grounds to the respective grandeur of Upton Park or Newcastle's St. James' Park, a big big step in two short years, "but we have learned to adapt, we are not overawed by it all," insists Mitchell.

"We believe in what we have got and we just go out and do the best we can no matter what the opposition," explains the lad from South Shields. "As long as you have a positive attitude towards winning and throw away any inhibitions you might have of being inferior, then you have always got a chance.

"There is a great atmosphere within the club at Grimsby, the people are very easy to get on with so it is easy to settle in."

And what now for Grimsby Town who last sampled First Division football in 1948?

"Well" says Bob. "George Kerr our manager tells us that the priority now must be to get promotion from this division and of course we must think that way. But having experienced such a poor start to the season I think anywhere in the top half of the table is a realistic target for this season."

in three short seasons

Peters faces his

SHEFFIELD — a town of steel and a traditional hot bed of soccer since the 1860s, has smarted recently from the ignominious plight of its two major institutions, Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday football clubs.

For until 1975 neither of these two great clubs had needed to play outside of the top two divisions of the Football League, but then Wednesday plummeted and were followed four years later by United.

It was a disaster for a public as immersed in football as Sheffield's. The blunt yet proud fans were shocked, it was as if the very fabric of their existence had been ripped from beneath them. The football clubs who played such a major part in their lives and in whose glory they had basked, had suddenly let them down. That charisma and magic that helped brighten their days had been dowsed in a sea of mediocrity and for Sheffield's knowledgeable fans it left a big void.

Then last season the flame of hope began to flicker as both clubs vied for promotion. At Hillsborough Jack Charlton's rebuilding programme began to bear fruit as Wednesday escaped from the clutches of the Third Division, but somewhere along the lane United lost their way.

However bolstered by a few new signings last summer, the United camp were optimistic about their new campaign. Alas the Blades failed to cut their mark and have instead wallowed in the middle of the pack, a situation that prompted a change of team management in late January.

NO HARDER JOB

The man chosen to lead United back to where they belong is a quiet soft spoken southerner who as a player has known nothing but success. Martin Peters, the man once described by Sir Alf Ramsey as being "ten years ahead of his time" has probably stepped across the fence to management a little ahead of expectations, but this holds no fears for the former England star, who confidently says: "I feel that I am quite capable of dealing with the situation."

Martin has no illusions: "I don't think I shall ever be faced with a harder job than the task facing me now," he explains rationally.

"Sheffield United are basically a First Division club and our supporters have been brought up on the best. Now they see us losing to teams that in the past they have looked down on. All of a sudden smaller clubs like Rotherham and Barnsley have risen above us and of course the fans find that difficult to accept.

"It is quite a responsibility I have taken on and it is going to take a lot of hard work because the whole club needs to be sorted out. It requires a little bit of surgery. For instance we have 40 players on the books which is far too many and in fact I shall have to look at the staffing of the club and make an in depth assessment of what will be most beneficial for us."

That indicates a tough line approach from Sheffield's newest boss, who has already put five players on the list. But what kind of manager will Martin Peters really make? I put the question to the man himself.

"I think on face value I am labelled as being a little bit quiet, a little bit soft," he answered thoughtfully. There was just the faintest trace of a smile crossing his lips as he continued: "but I am not going to be like that at all.

"You know those silly cliches that hang around football suggesting that soft players become hard managers and that skilful inventive players tend to put much more emphasis on defensive play when they step over to the other side. Well I don't know how true they are, but the way I look at it is that this is now my livelihood and my family depend on it. Therefore if the players don't do their job they are letting my family down as well as their own and I like to look after me and mine and I will do anything to secure that."



s toughest task



Trenton Wiggan causes consternation in the Rotherham goalmouth, but failed to prevent United losing 2-1.

MOTIVATION

"At the moment I do not have our future mapped out, it is more a case of taking one step at a time. But if we do the things I think we should in the next few months, then we will at least be on the right track for next season.

"I don't think Sheffield United have ever been at quite such a low ebb before and we have just got to do something positive about it.

"Prior to this current season everybody expected Sheffield United to be at the forefront of the promotion race. We started off like a house on fire but then things just did not develop from there. In fact we went the other way.

"I hope to be able to put my finger on the root causes of our problems although nothing will change overnight. It will have to be a gradual improvement throughout the club.

"There is no money available to buy players with, so it is a case of deciding what best to do with the staff that we have. We could try and swop some for new faces or work them harder here to try and extract better performances from them. We certainly need to increase our motivation.

"Our youth team are top of the Northern Intermediate League, so the kids have done pretty well as this is the first time for some years that they have had a youth system at Bramall Lane. But they can do better and they will have to."

That last sentence reveals the firm line behind Martin Peters' administration. A dedicated and hard working professional himself he sees no reason why his players should not knuckle down to the same disciplines.

Indeed he is visibly annoyed by much of the apathy that is evident within the club and has demanded greater effort from his reserve team players. "It is no good hanging about at the bottom of the Central League like

our reserves have been doing for the past few years," he claims. "They have got to pull themselves together, we have got to get a winning attitude going throughout the club.

ON THE ROAD

"I am now looking for the players who want to stay and play for us and are as determined as me to get this club on the road again. Promotion is out of our hands this season so it is a question of preparing well for next year. At the moment we are just taking every Saturday as it comes.

"One thing I have learnt since I moved from Norwich is that all the teams in the Third Division work very hard indeed. I suppose this is to make up for their deficiency in skill. At Bramall Lane we have an abundance of skill, what we have to do is learn to marry this up with greater work rate.

"It is no good us sitting back and living on our technical ability because other teams through their hard running and enthusiasm, will put us under pressure and beat us. We must learn to work as hard as our rivals, and only then can we make our skill prove effective.

"We have got to be consistent . . . which we are not. We have got to be honest . . . which we are not at times. I'm going to be honest with the players and they will have to be honest with me."

And so at 37, Martin Peters one of the most sophisticated exponents of the finer arts of football, has hung-up his boots to concentrate fully on masterminding United's revival.

Already he has tasted the seamier side of a town torn by fanatical passions, an experience he admits is strange and unsavoury. But then in Sheffield there are no half measures, you are either red and white or blue and white.

Martin Peters is in the red . . . he now has to prove his worth by giving the Blades back their edge.

COLIN BENSON.

CRUYFF

still a wanted man

Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst didn't want him! Leicester chief Jock Wallace did but failed! Even at the age of 33 the offers were pouring in for the services of the Dutch master, Johann Cruyff, who had returned from America a free agent and become the first English style manager in Dutch football, with his old club Ajax.

Yes Cruyff the footballer of the seventies — and a soccer millionaire who had lost a fortune in a bad business venture — was clearly still a very marketable product.

For Cruyff of the mesmerising touch, has enjoyed an illustrious career which could be unquestionably set alongside that of the legendary Pele. His travels have taken him from Ajax of Amsterdam to Barcelona then onto the New York Cosmos, Los Angeles, Washington and back to Ajax.

His old boss Rinus Michels was quickly in with an offer of a two year contract, for him to play as a sweeper for Cologne in the Bundesliga, a position that Michels, who coached the Dutch national team when Cruyff was at his peak, believes is ideally suited to the Dutch star.

There is no doubt that Cruyff is still a crowd puller as his return to European soccer last December proved. Barcelona had barely sold 30,000 tickets for their game against a World XI in aid of UNICEF. Then two days prior to the match it was announced that Cruyff was playing and a stampede for tickets ended with a record-breaking crowd of 110,000.

Cruyff scored two brilliant individual goals but they were both ruled out by referee Miguel Perez, who then sent the Dutch maestro off for arguing. But it wasn't Cruyff who had to answer to the Spanish footballing authorities, but Perez who was immediately suspended. Such is the power of a super-star!

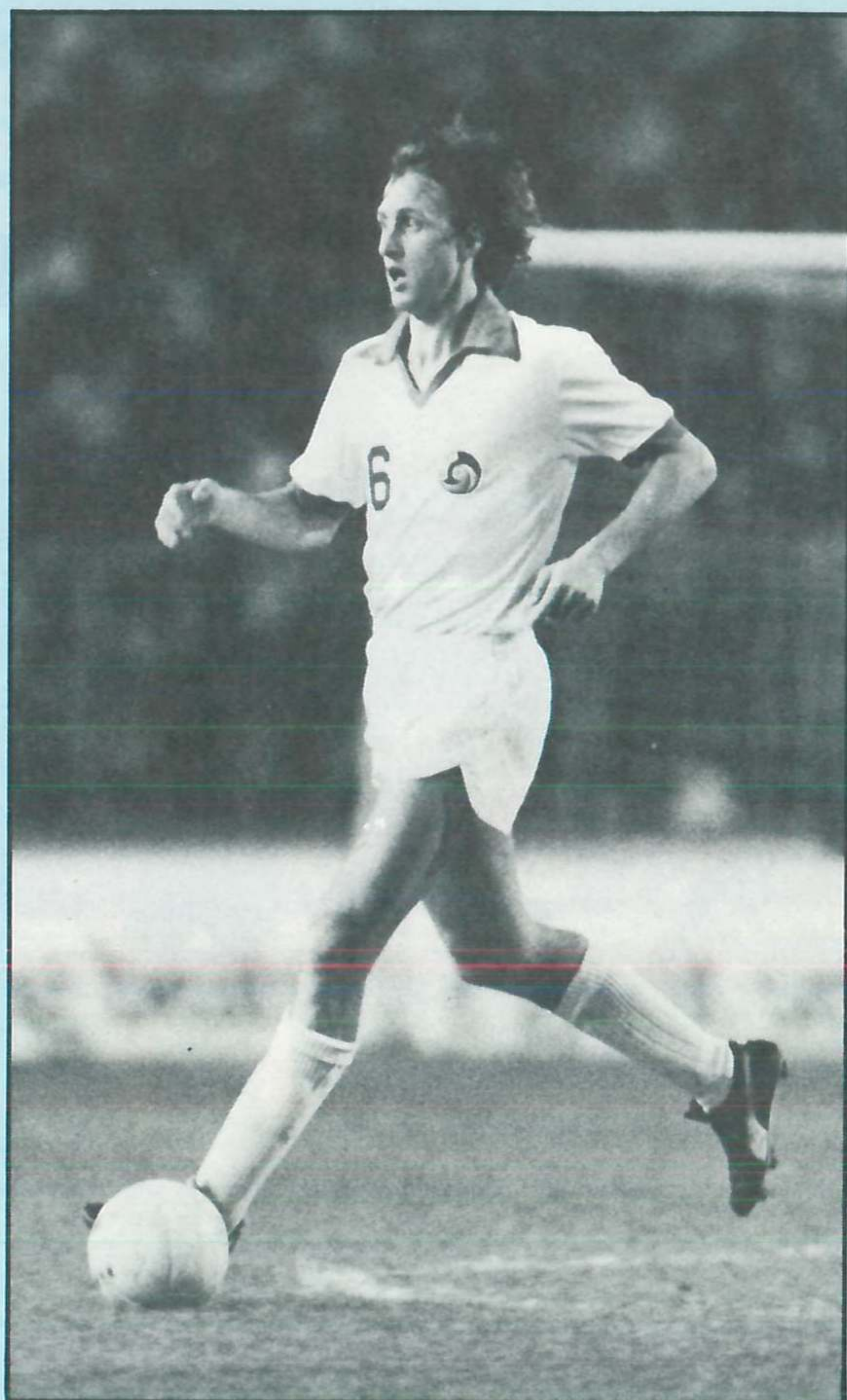
It was perhaps his magnetic pulling power that persuaded Scottish First Division part timers Dumbarton, to offer Cruyff what for them was a kings ransom of £1,000 per game, to become their coach. But the Dutch international soon squashed the dream when he said: "They do not sound like the sort of club I would like to join." A pity, Johann Cruyff appearing at **Boghead Park would have made quite a story.**

And he does have a certain affinity for the British game. "That is quite true," he confirms. "Without hesitation I can say that one of the highlights of my career was representing Holland at Wembley in 1977. We beat England 2-0 before 100,000 people and we put on a superb exhibition of football."

That game also saw the emergence of an English super-star, Trevor Francis, making his international debut.

It is a game that remains fresh in the Nottingham Forest stars memory. "Yes, it was my first cap and a great honour, but Holland were a class above us that night," recalls Francis.

"The Dutch played very well and I think that side was by far the best I have ever played against at international level. I must confess I did not really learn much from that encounter, all I could do was admire the way they played, especially Cruyff who controlled the game. He was absolutely superb."



Alas those days are over, for Johann Cruyff has no desire to return to the international arena. "If I missed it I would come back," he says curtly. "But I don't and as I had made my mind up to retire from such football when I moved to America I don't feel I have missed anything."

The Dutchman's sojourn with the North American League ended with a stay at the ill-fated Washington Diplomats, but he feels that the American game has a lot to offer Europe, especially when it comes to presentation.

"They have one or two unusual ideas, which in my view we ought to introduce into the European game," he suggests blandly. "The 'shoot-out' to decide drawn games for instance is a better system than penalty deciders."

"Under the present format for penalty deciders there are various problems. For example the goalkeeper moving before the ball is kicked, or the kicker losing his nerve. The introduction of a 35 yard line and a shoot-out would eliminate those situations which in important games can become very controversial. The American system gives the players a better chance and more confidence to do what they feel they are capable of doing."

"And from the spectators point of view it provides dramatic entertainment. In America the crowds go crazy over the shoot-out and therefore I think it would give our game a boost as well."

To see Cruyff back in action would also be a tremendous fillip to a game all too short of world class individualists. Johann is undoubtedly one of the best, if not the best European footballer of all time. It is a tragedy that he does not feel the need to continue to entertain us, even at Boghead Park.

OSVALDO ARDILES

TALKS FOOTBALL

So the football authorities in their wisdom, decided to change the system of points for Football League matches next season. But will it really contribute to brighter football? I very much doubt it.

For me the present policy of two points for a win and one for a draw is by far the best. I honestly do not think that the fact that you can gain a sort of bonus point for winning, will make teams any more attractive or willing to attack.

For instance it will not alter the way we play at Tottenham, because we go all out to win every game home or away as it is. And the same criteria applies also to clubs like Ipswich, Aston Villa and Liverpool.

And have you noticed something about the clubs I have mentioned? Yes they are all amongst the most attractive sides in the country anyway. As I have suggested before in this column, there are teams that play open attractive football and there are those that do not. The ones that play it tight and retract into their defensive webbs do so because they do not have the players capable of playing it the other way. And you can bet that no amount of legislation can improve them.

The fact that an extra point is there for the taking will not improve the ability of those players, so I can not see how the three point system will provide brighter football.

Looking at it from the players point of view, I do not think it will make much difference to our attitude and the way we play. I can't see us changing.

I mean when we play away to Arsenal it is going to be a hard match the same as when Liverpool play at Everton or Ipswich at Norwich and so on. They are hard games which all the competing teams are trying to win anyway.

To be honest when you are on the field playing you do not think in terms of points won or lost. You don't think to yourself, oh we must pull something extra out because it will mean another two points. You just want to win and you are trying your hardest to do that anyway. So as I say I can not see how changing the points system will benefit the game in relation to attracting more supporters.



Benno

Colin Benson's world of soccer

If ever there was a real life 'Roy of the Rovers' epic then surely it is the story of little Grimsby Town who have performed a rags to riches routine — figuratively speaking — that has taken them from the depths of the Fourth Division to the brink of the First Division in three seasons.

And of the regular Grimsby line-up, only Trevor Whymark was not a Fourth Division player, so the Mariners achievement this season is all the more creditable.

But can these players maintain the standard and even improve next season? I put the question to their canny manager George Kerr.

His answer was typically down to earth.

Replied George: "I think so because they are young players, and don't forget that in the past two years they have played against some of the leading sides in the country and given good account of themselves against the likes of Everton and Wolves.

"I know those were one off jobs in the cup and it is far more difficult to maintain the pace over 42 matches in the League, but this season they have proved they can do just that and get results.

"And what is more this side will carry on getting results as long as they remember what they are. Basically they are a bunch of good lads who do the right things at the right time and work hard for each other and that is a very difficult combination to break down."

EUROPE — For those of you interested in European competition the venues for this years club finals are: The European Cup Final — at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris on May 27th and the Cup Winners Cup Final at the Rhine Stadium in Dusseldorf on May 13th.

JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

1. Name the club whose old boys include Kevin Keegan and Kevin Kilmore?
2. Who plays at Prenton Park?
3. Zdenek Nehoda has captained which national team this season?
4. To which American club was Kevin Bond transferred?
5. Who scored the only goal in this seasons Man. City v Man. Utd. derby?
6. Which clubs crest has a trawler and three fishes depicted on it?
7. Name the clubs which Sheffield United striker Steve Neville played for?
8. True or false? Bolton beat Sheff. Utd. 13-0 in an FA Cup match?
9. Which club started out as Thornhill United?
10. Mansfield drew 2-2 at Darlington in the first Sunday League game this season. Who scored for Mansfield?

FUN SPOT

● Name this club? An original member of the League they have played on Cockles Field and Pike's Lane before moving to their present ground in 1895. Originally known as Christ Church F.C., this club has finished 3rd in the 1st Division on three occasions, won the 2nd Division Championship twice and been runners up four times. They have won the F.A. Cup four times and appeared in 7 finals, the last being in 1958. Relegated from the 1st Division last season, Eddie Hopkinson holds their League appearance record.

ANSWERS: 1. Scunthorpe Utd. 2. Tranmere Rovers. 3. Czechoslovakia. 4. Seattle Sounders. 5. Steve Mackenzie. 6. Grimsby Town. 7. Southampton & Exeter. 8. True Feb 1 1890. 9. Rotherham. 10. Allen & McClelland. FUN SPOT. Bolton Wanderers

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One	Home	Away
Arsenal	2-2	2-2
Aston Villa	2-1	6-3
Blackburn	2-1	2-2
Bradford City	1-1	1-0
Bradford P.A.	1-2	0-2
Burnley	1-1	1-2
Chelsea	1-2	3-2
Derby	3-0	2-1
Everton	0-2	3-3
Liverpool	0-3	0-2
Manchester City	6-2	4-1
Manchester Utd.	3-5	1-1
Middlesbrough	2-1	3-1
Newcastle	0-3	1-0
Notts Co.	1-0	2-2
Oldham	1-0	0-2
Preston	4-1	1-1
Sheffield United	1-0	2-3
Sheffield Wednesday	2-0	2-0
Sunderland	1-0	0-2
W.B.A.	1-2	1-4

League goalscorers

Roberts	26	Smith	18
Buchan	8	Herbert	5
Feebery	4	Vizard	4
Rowley	2	Davies	1
Jennings	1	Seddon	1
Stokes	1	Broadhurst (Preston)	1

F.A. CUP

Rd. 1 — Chelsea (h) 0-1

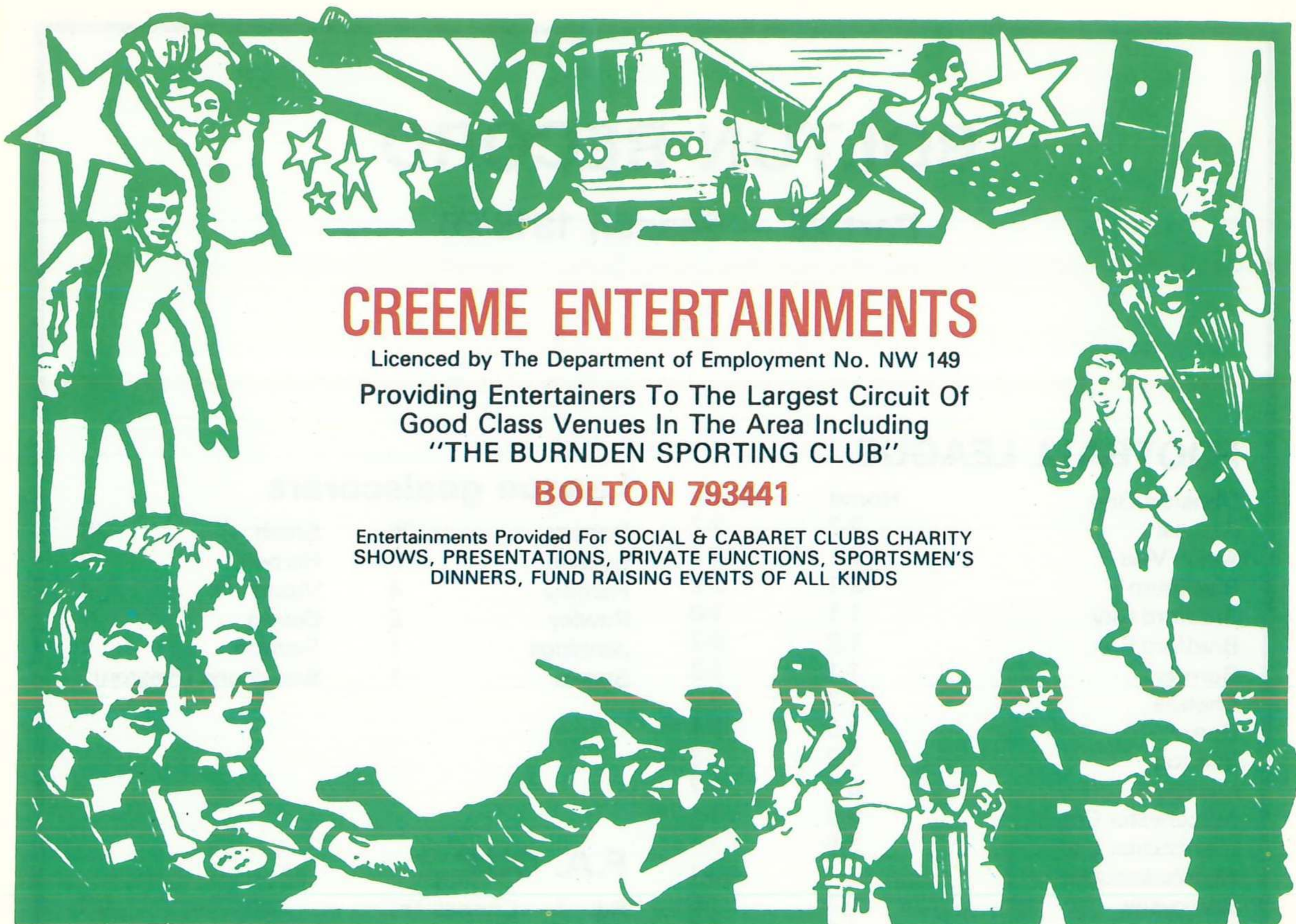
FOOTBALL LEAGUE

appearances:

Baverstock, H.	17	Buchan, T.M.	42
Cartman, H.R.	2	Davies, A.	8
Donaldson, A.	30	Drabble, F.	28
Fay, J.	25	Feebery, J.H.	25
Gimblett, W.S.	2	Herbert, W.	21
Hilton, H.	1	Hodson, J.	8
Howarth, J.M.	1	Hughes, J.	13
Hulme, W.	3	Jennings, W.	34
Jones, J.	8	Longworth, B.	1
Pickup, J.H.	1	Roberts, F.	40
Rowley, W.	26	Seddon, J.	24
Smith, J.	27	Stokes, D.	10
Vizard, E.T.	39	Watson, A.	25
Winterburn, A.	1		

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W.B.A.	42	28	4	10	104	47	60
Burnley	42	21	9	12	65	59	51
Chelsea	42	22	5	15	56	51	49
Liverpool	42	19	10	13	59	44	48
Sunderland	42	22	4	16	72	59	48
Bolton Wanderers	42	19	9	14	72	65	47
Manchester City	42	18	9	15	71	62	45
Newcastle United	42	17	9	16	44	39	43
Aston Villa	42	18	6	18	75	73	42
Arsenal	42	15	12	15	56	58	42
Bradford P.A.	42	15	12	15	60	63	42
Manchester U.	42	13	14	15	54	50	40
Middlesbrough	42	15	10	17	61	65	40
Sheffield United	42	16	8	18	59	69	40
Bradford City	42	14	11	17	54	63	39
Everton	42	12	14	16	69	68	38
Oldham Athletic	42	15	8	19	49	52	38
Derby County	42	13	12	17	47	57	38
Preston N.E.	42	14	10	18	57	73	38
Blackburn Rovers	42	13	11	18	64	77	37
Notts County	42	12	12	18	56	74	36
Sheffield W.	42	7	9	26	28	64	23



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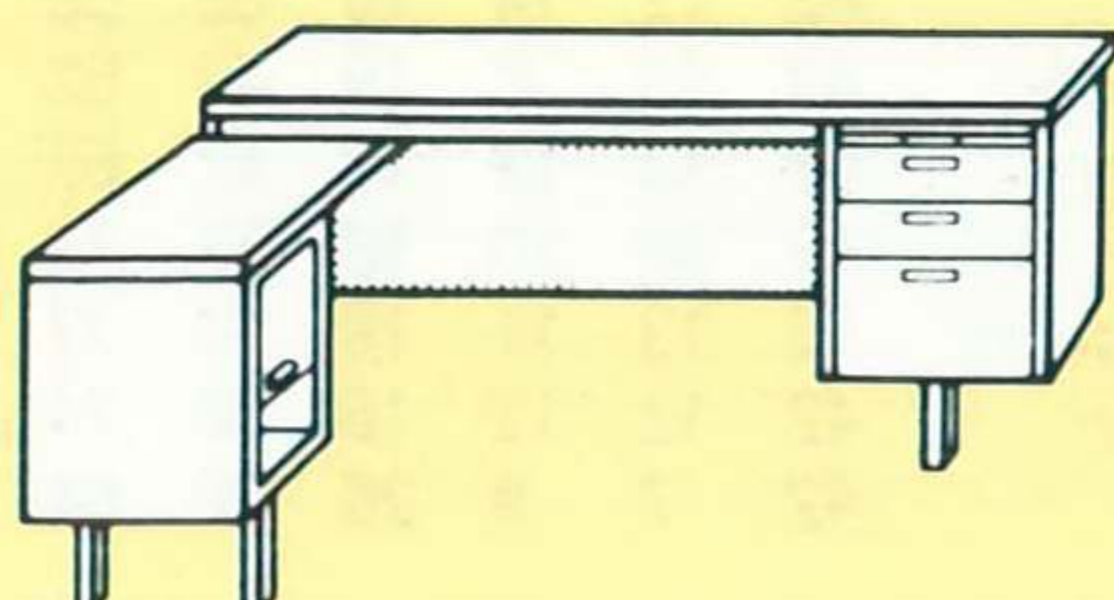
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- A. Neil Whatmore after his 100th league goal for Bolton — and the winner at Cambridge!
- B. Peter Reid on his way to scoring the Wanderers' first goal at Cambridge.
- C. John Thomas's shot goes over the bar at Cambridge.

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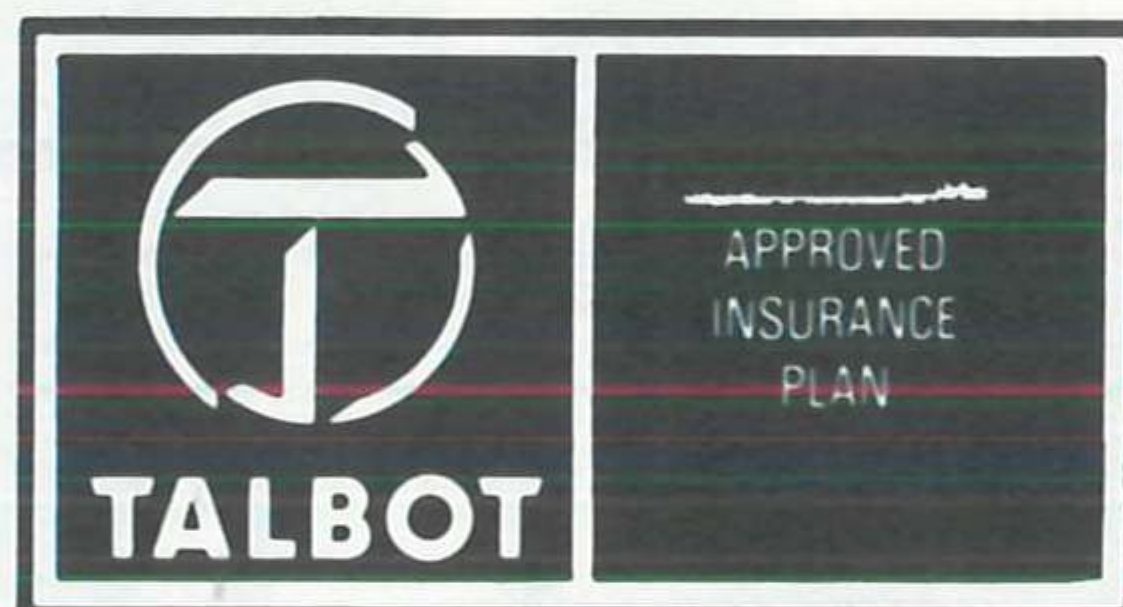
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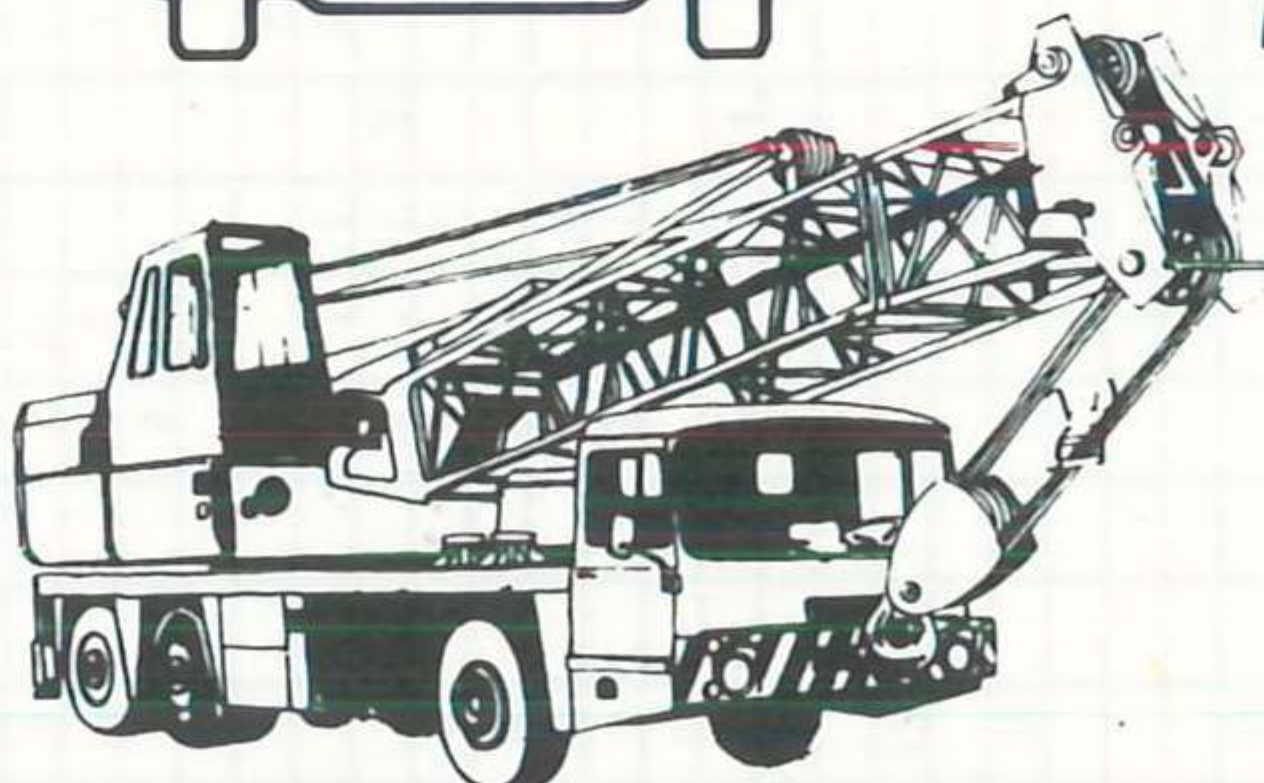
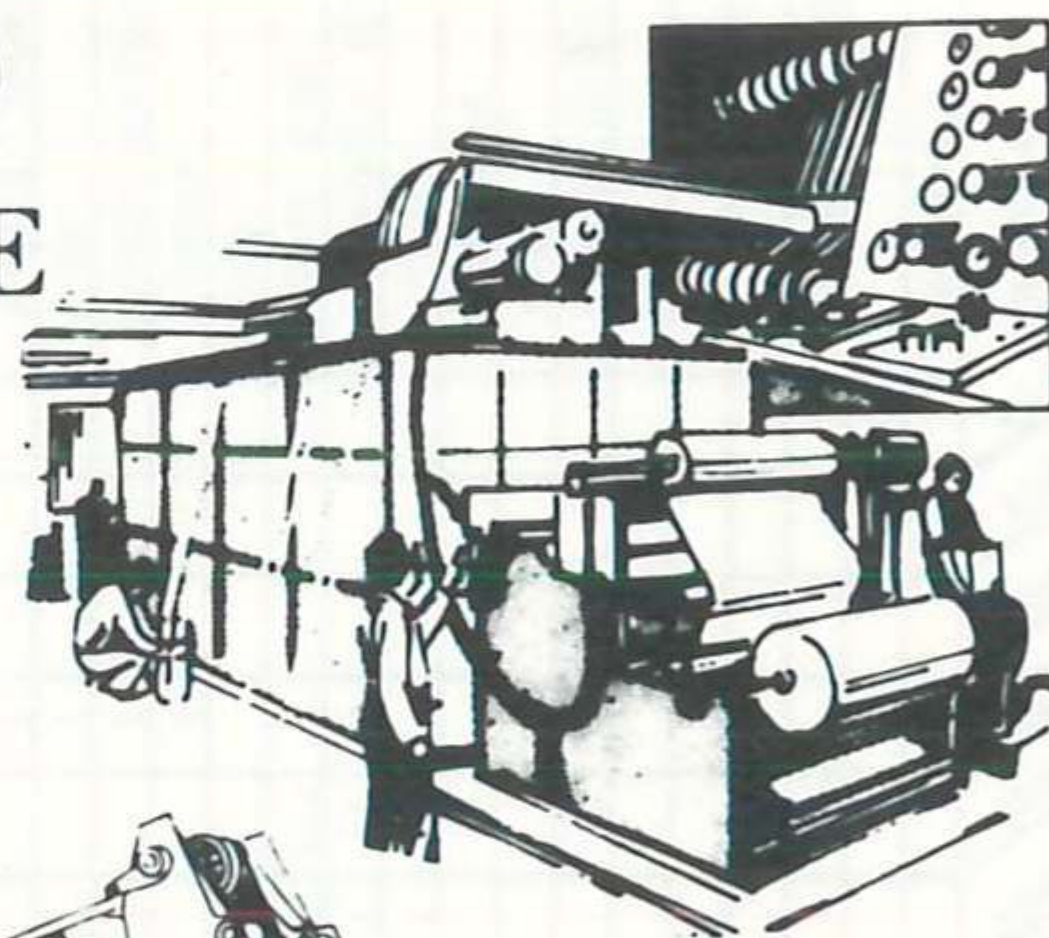
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BOLTON v WEST HAM

Phil Parkes beats John Thomas to the ball in
the game against West Ham at Burnden.

Harry McGuire (22002).

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HOME GAMES
IN CAPITALS

*Denotes
Sub used

		FA	Attn	Peacock	Graham	Burke	Wilson	Jones	Walsh	Gowling	Whatmore	Carter	Kidd	Cantello	Bennett	Hoggan	Nowak	Clement	McElhinney	Nicholson	Poole	Thompson	Nikolic	Reid	Moore	Thomas	Brennan	Scorers
Aug.	16	Notts County	1-2	7,459	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12												Whatmore
	19	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	0-0	15,926	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12												Kidd(3) Whatmore
	23	NEWCASTLE	4-0	11,835	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		12										
	26	L.C. CRYSTAL PALACE	0-3	9,913	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	9	10			11	12*										
	30	Derby County	0-1	17,378	1		3		5	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12	2									Kidd
Sept.	2	L.C. Crystal Palace	1-2	15,536	1	3			5*	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12*	2									Griffiths (o.g.) Gowling (pen)
	6	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-0	8,712	1	3	12*		6*	7	8	9	10	4		11	2		4									Walsh
	13	Cardiff	1-1	6,532	1	3	12*	5*	6	9	8		10	4		11	7	2										Whatmore
	20	SWANSEA	1-4	9,419	1	3	9		6	5	8		10	4		11	7	3	12									Cantello
	27	Oldham	1-1	10,174		2	3	12	5	6	9	8		10	4		11			1	7							Thompson, Gowling
Oct.	4	CHELSEA	2-3	11,888		2	3		5	6	9	8		10	4*	12				1	7	11						Carter, Kidd
	7	Shrewsbury Town	2-1	5,077		12	3	7	5	6	9	8		10	4					2	1	11*						Kidd
	11	Queens Park Rangers	1-3	8,641			3	7	5	6	9	8		11	10	4	12				2	1						Gowling
	18	BRISTOL CITY	1-1	8,988		2	11		5	6	9	12	8	10	4						3	1		7				Carter, Whatmore
	21	PRESTON NORTH END	2-1	10,713		2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4		12				1							Kidd
	25	West Ham United	1-2	25,277		2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4						12	1						Kidd (3), Whatmore,
Nov.	1	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	6-1	8,016		3		5	6	11	8	9*	10	4		12*					2	1						Hoggan, Cantello
	8	Watford	1-3	11,296			3		5	5	11	8		10	4	12	9				2	1						Hoggan
	11	Sheffield Wednesday	0-2	16,262		2	3	12	5	6	11	8		10							1	4						
	22	GRIMSBY TOWN (1)	1-1	9,031		2	3		5	6	4	8	9	10*		11						1		7	12*			Hoggan
	25	NOTTS COUNTY	3-0	7,344		2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9				3							Wilson (2), Kidd
	29	Luton Town	2-2	8,300		2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9				3	7	1					Whatmore (2)
Dec.	6	ORIENT	3-1	8,228		2		4	5	6	11	8		10							3	7	1					Whatmore, Kidd (2)
	13	Bristol City (2)	1-3	7,384		2		4	5		11	8		10							3	7	1					Gowling (pen)
	19	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	1-2	6,315		2	3	4	5		11	8*		10							6	7	1	12*				Gowling
	26	Wrexham	1-0	7,635		2		4			11	8		10		6	9				3	7	1					Whatmore
	27	BLACKBURN ROVERS	1-2	18,184	1	2		4			11		12	10		6*	9				3							Hoggan
1981																												
Jan.	3	Nottingham Forest (FAC3)	3-3	22,520	1	2		4	5*		11	8		10							6	12*						Hoggan(2), Whatmore
	6	NOTTINGHAM F. (FAC3R)	0-1	22,799	1	2		4			11	8		10							3	5						
	10	Grimsby Town	0-4	9,320	1	2		4			5			10		11	9				3	12*						
	24	DERBY COUNTY	3-1	9,937	1	2		4	5		11			10							3		12*	7				Gowling(2), Thomas
	31	Newcastle United	1-2	19,108	1	2		4	5			8		10		11	9				3							Bennett
Feb.	7	CARDIFF CITY	4-1	8,115	1	2		4	5		11					10	9				3							Thomas (2), Wilson, Nikolic
	14	Bristol Rovers (5)	1-2	5,368		2		12*	5		11	8				4*	9				3							Gowling
	24	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	2-0	9,641	1	2	4	12	5		11	8									3							Whatmore, Thomas
	28	Swansea City	0-3	9,468		2	4		5		11	8									3							
Mar.	7	Chelsea (6)	0-2	12,948		2				5	11	8		10	4						3		1	12*	7			
	14	SHREWSBURY T. (LCF)	0-2	7,900		2	3				5	11	8		10	4					3							
	24	Preston North End	2-1	8,505					5	3	11	8		12	6		10				6							
	28	WEST HAM UNITED	1-1	13,271					5	3	11	8		12	6		10											Reid, Gowling
Apr.	4	Cambridge United	3-2	4,512					5	3	11	8																Whatmore
	11	WATFORD (SF)							5	3	11	8			6		10				12	2	1					Reid, Nikolic, Whatmore
	17																											
	18	Blackburn Rovers																										
	20	WREXHAM																										
	26	Orient 11.30 a.m.																										
May	2	LUTON TOWN																										
	9	F.A. Cup Final																										

BURNDEN DATES
LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
WREXHAM
MONDAY 20th APRIL 1981
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
(Up to and including Saturday 4th April 1981)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham United	36	17	1	1	49	12	6	8	3	18	16	55
Notts County	36	9	7	2	23	13	6	8	4	17	20	45
Swansea City	36	11	3	4	33	16	4	8	6	19	22	41
Grimsby Town	36	10	7	1	20	4	4	6	8	19	25	41
Blackburn Rovers	36	10	7	1	24	7	3	8	7	13	22	41
Sheffield Wednesday	35	13	4	1	33	10	3	4	10	13	27	40
Queens Park Rangers	37	10	6	3	31	12	4	5	9	17	25	39
Luton Town	36	8	6	4	30	21	6	5	7	19	21	39
Derby County	37	8	7	3	29	22	5	6	8	21	26	39
Chelsea	37	8	6	5	27	11	6	4	8	19	23	38
Cambridge United	36	12	1	6	30	20	4	5	8	15	29	38
Orient	37	9	6	3	31	15	4	4	11	17	31	36
Newcastle United	36	9	5	3	16	10	3	7	9	8	27	36
Watford	36	11	5	3	30	17	1	5	11	12	24	34
Bolton Wanderers	37	9	4	5	37	22	4	3	12	19	37	33
Wrexham	36	3	8	6	14	20	7	5	7	20	19	33
Oldham Athletic	37	6	8	4	17	14	4	5	10	18	31	33
Shrewsbury Town	37	8	6	5	28	19	1	8	9	9	22	32
Cardiff City	36	7	5	5	20	18	4	4	11	19	35	31
Preston North End	36	7	6	5	25	22	1	6	11	8	34	28
Bristol City	37	6	8	5	18	14	0	6	12	7	11	26
Bristol Rovers	37	4	8	6	19	20	1	4	14	12	37	22



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FLINT, GEORGE E. (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts.) Started junior refereeing at 14 years of age and graduated through the Midland and Central Leagues to the Football League list. Has refereed various County Cup Finals and officiated in Italy 1974 — Roma v. Newcastle — also a U.E.F.A. Cup match in Moscow.

Married, with three children, he is a Pit Head Baths Superintendent with interests of interior decorating and bowls. Also keen on youth football.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1981 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
SHEFFIELD WED. Manchester United	16 20	27 1	30 1	3 1	13 1	20 1	27 1	3 1	10 1	25 1
Coventry City	27 1	30 1	3 1	13 1	20 1	27 1	3 1	10 1	25 1	29 1
Manchester City Bury	27 1	30 1	3 1	13 1	20 1	27 1	3 1	10 1	25 1	29 1
NOTTINGHAM F. Liverpool	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
LEEDS UNITED WEST BROM A.	27 1	3 1	13 1	20 1	27 1	3 1	10 1	25 1	29 1	2 1
STOKE CITY Preston N.E.	27 1	3 1	13 1	20 1	27 1	3 1	10 1	25 1	29 1	2 1
HUDDERSFIELD T. Blackpool	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
BURNLEY MANCHESTER UNITED	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
Sheffield W. Aston Villa	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
Derby County WOLVERHAMPTON W.	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
Sheffield United NEWCASTLE UNITED	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
BLACKPOOL Derby County	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
Leeds United DERBY COUNTY	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
Everton EVERTON	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
ASTON VILLA Blackburn Rovers	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
Stoke City MANCHESTER CITY	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
COVENTRY CITY BURY	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
West Bromwich A. PRESTON N.E.	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
Huddersfield Town Liverpool	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
SHEFFIELD UNITED Nottingham Forest	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
Burnley BLACKBURN ROVERS	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0
Newcastle United Wolverhampton W.	27 0	3 0	13 0	20 0	27 0	3 0	10 0	25 0	29 0	2 0

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TEAM CHECK

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Terry Poole
- 2 Peter Nicholson
- 3 Mike Walsh
- 4 Peter Reid
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Len Cantello
- 7 Dusan Nikolic
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 John Thomas
- 10 Dave Hoggan
- 11 Alan Gowling
- 12



Watford

- 1 Steve Sherwood
- 2 Pat Rice
- 3 Keith Pritchett
- 4 Les Taylor
- 5 Steve Sims
- 6 Ian Bolton
- 7 John Ward
- 8 Luther Blissett
- 9 Gerry Armstrong
- 10 Kenny Jackett
- 11 Malcolm Poskett
- 12 Wilf Rostron

Referee:

G. E. Flint (Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts)

Linesmen:

P. Holland (Sheffield) (Red Flag)

T. A. Jones (Macclesfield) (Yellow Flag)

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	MANCHESTER CITY IPSWICH TOWN		
B	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS		
C	ARSENAL LEEDS UNITED		
D	COVENTRY CITY MANCHESTER UNITED		
E	CRYSTAL PALACE BIRMINGHAM CITY		
F	EVERTON NORWICH CITY		
G	MIDDLESBROUGH BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION		
H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST LIVERPOOL		
I	STOKE CITY SUNDERLAND		
J	BLACKBURN ROVERS BRISTOL CITY		
K	BRISTOL ROVERS SHREWSBURY TOWN		
L	CARDIFF CITY PRESTON NORTH END		
M	DERBY COUNTY NOTTS COUNTY		
N	GRIMSBY TOWN WEST HAM UNITED		
O	LUTON TOWN QUEENS PARK RANGERS		
P	NEWCASTLE UNITED CAMBRIDGE UNITED		
Q	OLDHAM ATHLETIC CHELSEA		
R	ORIENT SWANSEA CITY		
S	WREXHAM SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		
T	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN MILLWALL		
U	READING BURNLEY		
V	ROTHERHAM UNITED CHARLTON ATHLETIC		
W	AFC BOURNEMOUTH BURY		
X	BRADFORD CITY WIGAN ATHLETIC		



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